

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The remarks and arguments of the previous response are incorporated by reference as if fully rewritten herein.

This previous response was considered incomplete due to claim 15 being dependent upon a deleted claim and no argument being presented for claim 17.

Claim 15 has now been amended to incorporate all the limitations of any base and intervening claim, and should therefor be in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 has been canceled, without prejudice, and claim 18 rewritten in independent form.

Any rejected claims have been canceled, without prejudice, and allowable claims have been rewritten so as not to be dependent upon a canceled claim. Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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